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UTAHNS HONORED FOR LAND STEWARDSHIP

The Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee has honored four Utahns for their commitment to land stewardship. The awards were presented recently during the 57th Annual Utah Association of Conservation Districts convention held in St. George, Utah.

The Forest Stewardship Achievement award for 2005 was presented to Scott Truman of Cedar City. Truman is Executive Director of the Utah Rural Development Council and has been a key player in forest management throughout the state. Through grant assistance from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Truman took on the effort of creating the Utah Forest Products Association. The Association provides the framework to rebuild that industry and restore forest health.



**Scott Truman, Executive Director of the
Utah Rural Development Council**

The Forest Landowner of the Year award was presented to Don Blomquist who owns the Sixfeathers Ranch near Coalville, Utah. Blomquist is actively implementing a Forest Stewardship Plan that was prepared for his property. He's committed to making improvements that benefit wildlife, forest health, rangeland, and water quality.



**Kresha Eastman accepts award while
State Forester Joel Frandsen looks on.**

Blair and Kresha Eastman of Elmo in Emery County are Utah's Agro-Forest Landowners of the Year. The Eastmans were recognized for their efforts in agro-forest resource management. Their property is a showplace on how agricultural activities and natural resource wildlife management can coexist.

"It's a pleasure to recognize these people for their dedication to the land," said State Forester Joel Frandsen. "The reality is proper planning and management are required to achieve and maintain healthy forest ecosystems and that's just what these landowners are doing."

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